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SUBJECT: NEW DAHOMEAN AMBASSADOR TO FRG

REF: A) COTONOU 1543; B) USUN 4797 (NOTAL)

1. PER REF (A), TIAMIOU ADJIBADE HAS BEEN GRANTED AGREEMENT BY THE FRG AS THE NEW AMBASSADOR FROM DAHOMEY; HE PLANS TO ASSUME HIS NEW POST SOMETIME AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE CURRENT UNGA.

2. IN ADDITION TO ANY BIO DATA ALREADY RECEIVED BY EMBASSY ON ADJIBADE, DEPT WISHES COMMENT ON ADJIBADE'S RECENT PERFORMANCE IN UN. UNTIL THIS YEAR, ADJIBADE WAS CAREFUL TO AVOID DIRECT ATTACKS ON US IN UN PRESUMABLY BECAUSE SUCH STATEMENTS MIGHT HAVE COMPROMISED HIS POSITION AS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, THIS YEAR, HIS ATTITUDE HAS BEEN MUCH TOUGHER, AS WAS EVIDENCED BY HIS ATTACK ON THE US REPRESENTATIVE IN EARLY OCTOBER FOR THE

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LATTER'S REMARKS ABOUT THE OAU. (REF B). AS SPOKESMAN

FOR THE AFRICAN BLOC AT THE UN, ADJIBADE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING A STINGING ATTACK ON AMB. MOYNIHAN, ACCUSING HIM OF BEING AN INSTRUMENT OF ZIONISM.

3. DURING HIS WASHINGTON TOUR ADJIBADE INITIALLY WAS

PLEASANT IN HIS RELATIONS WITH USG OFFICIALS, WHILE NEVER DISGUIISING HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT USG NOT MORE RESPONSIVE TO AFRICAN POSITION ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. AS DAHOMEAN POLITICS BECAME MORE CHAOTIC AND HIS COUNTRY'S AVOWED ORIENTATION EVOLVED TOWARD PROCLAMATION OF MARXISM-Leninism, ADJIBADE INITIALLY APPEARED EMBARRASSED. HE FREQUENTLY WAS ABSENT FROM WASHINGTON, EITHER IN NEW YORK OR ON MISSIONS ELSEWHERE FOR HIS GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING SEVERAL TO COMMUNIST STATES IN ASIA. HIS CONTACTS WITH DEPARTMENT BECAME LESS FREQUENT AND HE ASSOCIATED MORE CLOSELY WITH THOSE FRANCOPHONE AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO BOTH WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK MOST CRITICAL OF USG. HE NEVER PAID COURTESY CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS AFTER DAVIS' SWEARING-IN, AND FOR SEVERAL MONTHS INVENTED EXCUSES FOR NOT RESPONDING TO BUREAU'S REQUEST THAT HE CALL AT DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS COMPENSATION FOR NATIONALIZED ASSETS OF US COMPANIES.

4. COMMENT- DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS INTEMPERATE LANGUAGE USED BY ADJIBADE IN COMMENTING ON AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S REMARKS WAS DRAFTED BY AFRICAN PERMREPS, AND ADJIBADE SERVED AS THEIR SPOKESMAN BECAUSE HE HAPPENED TO BE CHAIRMAN OF OAU AMBASSADORS THAT MONTH. HOWEVER, ITS TONE WAS FAIRLY CONSISTENT WITH SOME OF ADJIBADE'S MORE CRITICAL COMMENTS ON USG AND DEMONSTRATES HIS INCREASINGLY ANTAGONISTIC ATTITUDE TOWARD USG. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THIS

HOSTILITY MAY BE FEIGNED TO INGRATIATE HIMSELF WITH DAHOMEY'S CURRENT LEADERS, ADJIBADE DOES APPEAR TO HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY DISAFFECTED WITH US DURING PAST YEAR AND SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH SOME CAUTION DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT IN BONN.

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